

**Table 1 Major Tennessee State Government Milestones
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Policies and Funding
2002 Forward**

June 2008	Governor appoints four-member ad hoc group of Task Force members to develop immediate recommendations for energy efficiency measures for state government buildings and vehicles and present them at the third Task Force meeting on July 16, 2008. http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008806080412
June 2008	Governor's Task Force on Energy holds second meeting on June 6, 2008. http://bree.tnanytime.org/energy/sites/default/files/Task%20Force%20mtg%20summary%206%206%20finalr_0.pdf
May 2008	General Assembly passes State Energy Code for Buildings establishing the minimum energy conservation standards for any new residential building construction on or after January 1, 2009, as the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code and encourages builders to voluntarily comply. http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/asp/WebBillInfo/Summary.aspx?BillNumber=SB0116
May 2008	General Assembly passes Green Energy Tax Credit legislation for "certified green energy supply chain manufacturers" initiating or expanding facilities in Tennessee with an investment of at least \$250 million. http://www.GeneralAssembly.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/asp/WebBillInfo/Summary.aspx?BillNumber=SB4173
May 2008	Governor chairs first meeting of Governor's Task Force on Energy http://www.tennesseeanyttime.org/energy/
April 2008	General Assembly becomes the 14 th state legislature to endorse the "25 X '25" goal for the nation to provide 25% of its energy from its farms, ranches and forests by 2025 while continuing to produce safe, abundant and affordable feed and fiber. http://www.25x25.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=405&Itemid=57
April 2008	Governor signs bill making mandatory a set of policies for energy efficiency and management of buildings operated by state agencies and by colleges and universities operated by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the State Board of Education. These policies had been initiated in 2001 as voluntary guidelines known as the "Energy Action Plan for Tennessee Buildings". http://www.GeneralAssembly.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/Chapter/PC0718.pdf
March 2008	Governor signs Executive Order 54 establishing the Governor's Task Force on Energy. The task force is required to present findings and recommendations by July 1, 2008 and to deliver a state energy plan to the governor by December 1, 2008. http://www.state.tn.us/ece/energypolicy.htm http://www.state.tn.us/ece/pdf/energy/ExecutiveOrder_54.pdf
January 2008	Governor's 2008-2009 budget includes \$5.6 million for the University of Tennessee Biofuels Center and \$4 million for the state's alternative fuels initiative. http://www.25x25.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=405&Itemid=57
January 2008	Audit report by the Comptroller of the Treasury, "State Government Energy Conservation Efforts", suggests governmental costs and risks could be reduced by reducing energy

	consumption by state governmental entities and by developing alternative fuels. http://www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/repository/SA/pa07110.pdf
December 2007	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency selects Tennessee State Employee Recycling Program as State Government Partner of the Year for fifth year in a row. http://www.state.tn.us/environment/news/release/2007/Dec/wastewiseaward.shtml
July 2007	Governor announces recipients of a total of \$881,000 in Alternative Fuel Innovation Grants to 3 cities and 4 state colleges and universities. http://tennessee.gov/environment/news/release/2007/Jul/altfuelgrants.shtml
May 2007	Governor endorses the goals of the 25 X '25 initiative goal for the nation to provide 25% of its energy from its farms, ranches and forests by 2025. http://biotenn.org/docs/pdf/05-22-07%2025x25%20letter_PNB.pdf
May 2007	First Governor's Conference on Biofuels convenes, sponsored by the state Alternative Fuels Working Group. http://www.biotenn.org/docs/word/05-31-07%20Governor%20Bredesen_Biofuels%20Conference.doc
Spring 2007	General Assembly commits to funding the University of Tennessee Biofuels Initiative: \$40.7 million for capital expenditures for a cellulosic biorefinery and \$8.25 million for research, farmer incentives, and operating expenses as part of the General Assembly's 5-year commitment of \$70 million. http://www.utbioenergy.org/TNBiofuelsInitiative/About.htm
February 2007	Governor makes \$3.5 million available in grants and loans recommended by the Alternative Fuels Working Group: up to \$1 million in Agricultural Feedstock Processing Loans to encourage development of soybean crushing facilities; \$1 million in Alternative Fuel Innovation Grants to encourage cities and universities to use alternative fuels in their fleets; and \$1.5 million in the Green Island Corridor Grant Project to encourage establishment of a statewide network of 70 new E85 (ethanol) and B20 (diesel) refueling stations. http://www.state.tn.us/environment/news/release/2007/Feb/altfuels.shtml
February 2006	Governor signs Executive Order 33 creating the Alternative Fuels Working Group consisting of commissioners of six state government departments and charged with developing a comprehensive state alternative fuels strategy. http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/governor/viewArticleContent.do?id=740&page=1
2006	A "State Building Energy Management Program Status Report" cites an energy cost spike of 12.5% in most recent year for which data were available. However, attention to energy efficiency is expected to produce annual savings in Tennessee Board of Regents buildings, and energy cost savings are reported for several executive branch agencies and departments. http://www.state.tn.us/finance/rpa/documents/SBEM2006RptLeg.pdf
January 2006	Work group created by commissioners of five state departments submits report "Alternative Fuels and Tennessee" recommending increased production, distribution and use of biofuels in the state. http://state.tn.us/environment/altfuels/pdf/draftreport.pdf
2005	General Assembly passes Senate Joint Resolution 251 and House Joint Resolution 92 supporting renewable energy and energy conservation in state agencies. http://state.tn.us/environment/altfuels/pdf/draftreport.pdf
2004	Public Chapter (PC) 891 enacted in 2004 directs the Comptroller of the Treasury to provide

and 2005	recommendations to encourage the production and distribution of biodiesel and ethanol. The Comptroller's report, "Ethanol and Biodiesel: Questions and Answers", is issued in March 2005. http://state.tn.us/environment/altfuels/pdf/draftreport.pdf
July 2003	Executive Order 11 charges commissioners of several departments of state government to partner with local governments and the business community to achieve new federal air quality standards. http://state.tn.us/environment/altfuels/pdf/draftreport.pdf
May 2002	Tennessee's first official energy policy adopted based on policy recommendations of the Governor's Interagency Energy Policy Work Group established by Executive Order 27, in July 2001. http://state.tn.us/environment/altfuels/pdf/draftreport.pdf

